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Skyward and The Center for Great Neighborhoods Partner for New Nano Grant Pilot Program

*Program seeks creative projects that build sense of community,
celebrate differences, and foster community pride*

(May 20, 2016) COVINGTON, KY- Skyward and The Center for Great Neighborhoods (The Center) are partnering to offer Nano Grants throughout Northern Kentucky. Called the myNKY Nano Grant Pilot Program, the initiative is part of Skyward's vibrancy goal to build a region where people from all backgrounds feel included, connected, and welcome.

The myNKY Nano Grant Pilot Program will offer small grants, up to \$250, in support of creative place-making projects that bring Northern Kentuckians together, build a sense of community, celebrate our differences, and foster community pride. Project ideas could include, but are not limited to, art walks, music making, bike tours, art installations, community parties, and more.

The program will launch initially in Dayton, Florence and Pendleton County, Kentucky, with the goal of expanding to the full Northern Kentucky region in the future. Anyone who lives, works, or studies in one of the pilot communities is eligible, and encouraged, to apply.

"We are thrilled to partner with The Center to expand its Nano Grant program to more communities in our region," said Bill Scheyer, President of Skyward. "It is our hope that the myNKY Nano Grant Pilot Program will allow for experimentation and exploration of creative ways to build community."

Skyward and The Center will host workshops in each pilot community for those interested in learning more about the program and applying. Attendance is encouraged, but not required to submit an application. Workshop dates and locations include:

Dayton, KY Community Workshop

Tuesday, June 7, 2016 / Prior to the city council meeting
Dayton Schools Administration Building
200 Clay Street, Dayton, Kentucky 41074

Florence, KY Community Workshop

Tuesday, June 21, 2016 / Prior to the city council meeting
Florence Government Center / Lower Level / Community Room C
8100 Ewing Boulevard, Florence, Kentucky 41042

Pendleton County, KY Community Workshop

Monday, June 6, 2016 / 7:00 PM / Following the Fiscal Court Meeting

Pendleton County Building / 233 Main Street, Falmouth, Kentucky 41040

Two application windows will be offered, with 2-3 projects selected at each deadline, for a total of five in each community during the pilot phase. The first application deadline is Tuesday, July 5, 2016 and the second deadline is Monday, August 2, 2016. All applicants will receive notification of funding decisions within 10 days of the application deadline.

Kate Esarey, Program Manager of Community Development with The Center, believes that active community members, supported by small grants, make great projects possible, "Our experience with the program in Covington has shown that engaging the community in creative projects really does lead to a strengthened sense of pride and we're excited to see the impact the grants have on these pilot communities."

Applications, along with complete eligibility details, can be found online at www.skywardnky.org. For more information, contact Kate Esarey with The Center at (859) 803-8963 or kate@greatneighborhoods.org.

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About Skyward: On June 4, 2015, Vision 2015 changed its name to better reflect the community's current five-year work plan. Skyward is both the engineer and the engine behind myNKY, a community-driven five-year strategic work plan designed to elevate Northern Kentucky to new heights. Skyward's purpose is to make Northern Kentucky thrive by connecting education, wellness, business and culture in innovative, inclusive, productive ways, as outlined in the myNKY plan. For more information, please visit www.skywardnky.org

About The Center: The Center for Great Neighborhoods has been a catalyst for positive growth in Covington, KY since 1976. The Center sparks this growth by bringing people together, encouraging them to work with each other, and supporting their efforts to shape the future of their community. The non-profit organization is committed to helping people discover and develop their skills, find and use the resources they need, and discover partners who share their concern for the well-being of Covington.